

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 1997-425-C and 1997-458-C – ORDER NO. 2001-965

SEPTEMBER 27, 2001

IN RE: Docket No. 1997-425-C - Application of)	ORDER CANCELLING
TelStar International, Inc. for a Certificate of)	CERTIFICATE AND
Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide)	WITHDRAWING
Resold Telecommunications Services within the)	TARIFF
State of South Carolina, and for Alternative)	
Regulation.)	
AND)	
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Docket No. 1997-458-C – Application of)	
TelStar International, Inc. for a Certificate of)	
Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide)	
Local Telecommunications Services within the)	
State of South Carolina.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“the Commission”) by way of a request from TelStar International, Inc. (“TelStar” or “the Company”) seeking cancellation of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold local exchange telecommunications services and to provide resold intrastate interexchange telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina, and to withdraw the Company’s tariff.

By letter of NOW Communications, Inc. (“NOW”) dated September 5, 2001, the Commission was advised that TelStar was purchased by NOW in the year 2000, and wished to cancel TelStar’s Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. A review of the docket files reveal that TelStar’s authority to operate as a reseller of local exchange and intrastate interexchange telecommunications services was granted by Order No. 98-127, dated February 20, 1998.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:

Gary E. Walsh

Executive Director
(SEAL)

The cancellation request states that NOW purchased the stock of TelStar, and as a result of that purchase, TelStar is no longer conducting business in South Carolina as a telecommunications company. NOW further provides that all customers of TelStar were notified of the purchase and are now being served only in the name of NOW Communications, Inc.; therefore, no harm to the public would be caused by the cancellation of TelStar's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

Upon consideration of this matter, the Commission finds and concludes that the request of TelStar to cancel its Certificate and associated tariffs should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold local exchange and resold intrastate interexchange telecommunications services authorized by Order No. 98-127, dated February 20, 1998, issued in Docket Nos. 1997-425-C and 1997-458-C is hereby cancelled. Further, the Commission orders that TelStar's tariffs should be withdrawn.